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Application No. 077153-0020

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent No. 6,305,621  
 Issue Date: October 23, 2001  
 Application No.: 09/516,076  
 Filed: March 1, 2000

Examiner: n/a

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For: PIVOTING FLUID CONDUIT AND ONE-WAY BRAKE

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PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(e)

Dear Sir:

This is in response to Decision on the Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.378(c) filed May 14, 2007 to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above patent. The petition was dismissed because it was alleged the Petitioner was not authorized to charge the deposit account.

Petitioner respectfully submits that it was authorized to charge the deposit account as a member of the authorized firm associated with the above patent. A Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration and Power of Attorney of joint Inventors, giving authorization to the present firm, and naming the undersigned as the contact, was submitted on April 16, 2007 (copy attached). Therefore, Petitioner disagrees with the conclusion that it was not authorized to charge the deposit account, and respectfully submits this Petition for Reconsideration and the required fee of \$400 is not necessary.

However, in order to complete this project, please again charge the required maintenance fee of \$450 and the petition fee of \$400, as well as any additional fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Petition for Reconsideration to our Deposit Account No. 13-0206. Please note that the surcharge of \$1640 was previously submitted as a check with the original petition filed on May 14, 2007, and therefore this fee is not necessary (copy attached).

Attorney Docket No. 088153-0020  
Petition for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(e)

The decision was mailed November 19, 2007. As this Petition for Reconsideration is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the decision, Petitioner submits this Petition is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 15, 2008

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**SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION  
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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621 B1, granted October 23, 2001, and for which a Reissue Application is being sought on the invention entitled "Pivoting Fluid Conduit Joint and One-Way Brake."

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath/declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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The claims of the '621 patent are unnecessarily narrow. Thus, I believe that I claimed less than I had a right to claim in the '621 patent. For example, the scope of the invention of the '621 patent is broader than, and not necessarily limited to, a mechanism having all of the recited elements of Claim 1. For example, Claim 1 makes no mention of a monitor housing having a plurality of spiked folding legs and a valve handle. Thus, there has been a failure to appreciate the full scope of the invention.

This reissue is a broadening reissue, and the nature of the broadening is presented in now allowed claims 21, 22, 25 and 26. Some aspects of allowed claims 21, 22, 25 and 26 are narrower, however, than the broadest claims originally sought by Applicants. For example, allowed claims are now directed to a monitor housing having a plurality of spiked folding legs, a valve handle and a pivoting fluid conduit joint comprising a socket and a ball disposed in the socket for movement relative to the socket.

Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present Reissue Application, and which is not covered by the prior oath(s) and/or declaration(s) submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of Applicant. Further, all amendments filed as of this date correct all errors.

U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621 B1 has been assigned. A Consent to Reissue by the assignee was previously filed.

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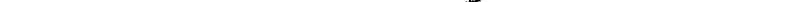
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